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SUBJ: EXPANSION OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ON GOLAN: NEVE ATIV

1. MOSHAV NEVE ATIV (ALSO KNOWN AS RAMAT SHALOM) LOCATED IN FOOTHILLS OF MT HERMON, RECEIVED FROM JEWISH AGENCY FEB 20 SEVERAL NEW ONE-FAMILY DWELLINGS MODELED AFTER SWISS CHALETS. CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY HOUSING MINISTER OFER, WHO ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS SAID THAT PLANS FOR NEVE ATIV CALL FOR TOTAL OF 100 SUCH RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND INVESTMENT OF IL 12 MILLION, INCLUDING COMMUNAL FACILITIES AND ROADS. CEREMONY WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY OC NORTHERN COMMAND GENERAL EITAN.

2. JEWISH AGENCY SPOKESMAN SAID NEVE ATIV IS CONSIDERED PROTOTYPIC OF SETTLEMENT BASED ON SERVICES, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM RATHER THAN ON FARMING. SECRETARY OF MOSHAV MOVEMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR NEVE ATIV ANNOUNCED THAT A SECOND SIMILAR SETTLEMENT WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE ESTABLISHED LATER THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: INCREASE TO 100 FAMILIES WOULD REPRESENT A SIZEABLE EXPANSION OF THIS SETTLEMENT, AND WE WOULD GUESS THAT A NUMBER OF THE NEW DWELLINGS WOULD BE USED TO SUPPORT THE TOURIST AND SKIING TRADES WHICH ARE THE BACKBONE OF ITS ECONOMY. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE INVESTMENT INVOLVED, WE SURMISE THAT ISRAEL CONSIDERS THIS-ITS NORTHERNMOST GOLAN SETTLEMENT--AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION TO "REINFORCE FACTS".

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